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540.0 In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed September 16, 2003, said period of response being extended from July 8, 2003 to September 8, 2003.

Please charge deposit account no. 13-2725 for the amount of \$540 to cover the required extension fee for a large entity. Applicant previously paid for a two-month extension of time therefore the amount of \$540 is the difference between a two-month extension of time and a three-month extension of time.

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